OUTCRY Youth THEATRE

INTO THE WOODS

JAN. 23-26

Lewisville Grand Theater

Black Box

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

Contains violence and adult content.

Any video and/or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

INTO THE WOODS

Music and Lyrics by
Stephen Sondheim

Book by
James Lapine

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine

Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick

Original Broadway production by
Heidi Landesman, Rocco Landesman, Rick Steiner,
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Originally produced by the Old Globe Theater, San Diego, CA

Directed and Choreographed by **Becca Johnson-Spinos**

Music Directed by **Cindy Johnston**

Stage Managed by Marisa Saenz

Set by Nathan and Misty Blasingame
Costumes by Kristin Bell and Lisa James
Blood Special Effects by Isa Flores
Props by Sherilyn Fox with help from Krista Witt
Puppets by Keith and Christina Wezwick
Lighting by Jason Johnson-Spinos
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Special Thanks: Bob Green, Lauren Harris, Abel Retta, Dan Knoff,
Sue and MrJim Johnson, and the staff of the Lewisville Grand Theater

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CAST

THE BAKER
Liam Paynter

THE BAKER'S WIFE
Maddie McInnis
Karsten Schaffhauser

THE WITCH
Madeline Knoff
Nadia Fox

CINDERELLA
Lauren Hibbard
Layla Tacazon

JACK
Aubrey Blasingame
Niam Sachdev

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD
Alexis Highsmith
Kate Illian

NARRATOR/MYSTERIOUS MAN
Parker Lindsay

CINDERELLA'S PRINCE/WOLF 1
Brady Beckley

RAPUNZEL'S PRINCE/WOLF 2
Luke Brown

RAPUNZEL
Alicia Pallares

JACK'S MOTHER
Aly Dominguez
Morgan Clark

STEPMOTHER
Charlie Claassen

FLORINDA
Annie Dominguez
Priya Sachdev

LUCINDA
Beatrix Wezwick
Kensley James

STEWARD/CINDERELLA'S FATHER
Holden James
Juan Erives

CINDERELLA'S MOTHER/GIANT
Paige Kocsis
Willa Jones

GRANNY
Achilles Witt

MILKY WHITE
Willow Wallace

THE THREE LITTLE PIGS
Allie Retta
Kylie Bell
Olivia Stoner

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Brady Beckley (Cinderella's Prince/Wolf 1) is ecstatic to be back for his 7th show with Outcry and his 5th with Outcry Youth! Favorite roles include Mr. Bumble *(Oliver!)*, Mr. Webb *(Our Town)*, and Ensemble/Quasimodo U/S *(Hunchback of Notre Dame)*. He dedicates this performance to his late mother, who always supported him and was his biggest cheerleader. He's very grateful for his castmates, Ms. Becca, and his family for always wanting the best for him and being there when he was down. Good show!



Kylie Bell (Three Little Pigs) is eleven years old and attends Carpenter Middle School. This is her 9th Outcry production. Favorite past roles include Professor Willard *(Our Town)*, Caterpillar *(Alice in Wonderland)*, and Earthworm *(James and the Giant Peach Jr.)*. When she isn't performing, she loves to read, draw, play video games, and spend time with her friends. Kylie is also active in her Girl Scout troop. Kylie would like to thank the incredible cast and crew of this show for making the whole process so much fun.



Aubrey Blasingame (Jack) is a fifth grader at Hickey Elementary. This is her fifth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Oliver *(Oliver!)*, Violet Beauregarde *(Willy Wonka)*, and Ladahlord *(James and the Giant Peach Jr.)*. When not on stage, she likes to swim, read, and play with her cat and bird. She wants to thank her friends and family for always coming to her shows. She would also like to thank her bird for helping her "sing."



Luke Brown (Rapunzel's Prince/Wolf 2) is a sophomore and is excited to be in his first show with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of his past favorite roles included Lord Farquaad *(Shrek the Musical)* and Miroslav Weiss *(And a Child Shall Lead)*. When he is not at rehearsal, he enjoys learning how to play banjo and hanging out with friends. He would like to thank Outcry Youth Theatre and Ms. Becca for giving him the opportunity to be in this show and his family for being his biggest fans.



Charlie Claassen (Stepmother) is a sophomore at McKinney Boyd High School. This is his first production with Outcry Youth Theatre, and his first performance outside of elementary school. When not on stage, he likes to write, watch TV, and hang out with his friends. He would like to thank his family and friends for their constant support no matter what, along with Ms. Becca and everyone in the cast for letting him have the opportunity to perform.

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Morgan Clark (Jack's Mother) is in the tenth grade at Hebron high school. This is her eighth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles are Boy *(The Witches)*, Spider/Wren *(The Night Fairy)*, Harry *(Puffs)*, and Charlotte *(Charlotte's Web)*. When not on stage with Outcry, she enjoys Cheer and choir at school. Morgan would like to thank her mom for helping with lines and taking her to rehearsals.



Aly Dominguez (Jack's Mother) is thirteen years old. This is her eighth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Young Anne *(Anne of Green Gables)*, Nemo *(Finding Nemo Jr.)*, and Veruca *(Willy Wonka)*. When she is not on stage, she enjoys reading, playing instruments, singing, and composing songs. She thanks her parents for all of their love and support, Ms. Becca for casting her in this production, and the entire production team for all of their dedication!



Annie Dominguez (Florinda) is twelve years old. This is her eighth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Matilda *(Matilda Jr.)*, Violet Beauregard *(Willy Wonka)*, and Young Diana *(Anne of Green Gables)*. When she is not on stage, she enjoys baking, playing the piano and reading. She thanks her parents for all of their love and support, Ms. Becca for casting her in this production, and the entire production team for all of their dedication!



Juan Erives (Steward/Cinderella's Father) is twelve years old and in seventh grade at Wilson Middle School. This is his 12th production with Outcry and his 3rd with Ms. Becca! Favorite past roles at Outcry include James *(James and the Giant Peach Jr.)*, Charlie Bates *(Oliver!)*, and Dormouse *(Alice in Wonderland)*. Juan would like to thank Ms. Becca for the great direction, and everyone else who helped make this amazing show that teaches a valuable lesson to find there's hope of getting through the journey, possible.



Nadia Fox (The Witch) is a high school junior. Recent credits include *Legally Blonde* (Whitney/Chutney) with Junior Players, *The Music Man* (Gracie Shinn) with Garland Summer Musicals, and *Our Town* (Mrs. Gibbs) with Outcry. This is her sixth show with Outcry Youth Theatre. She would like to thank her parents for all of their support and Ms. Becca for this opportunity.

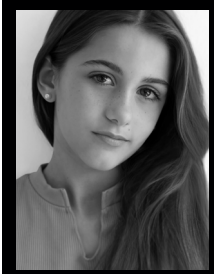
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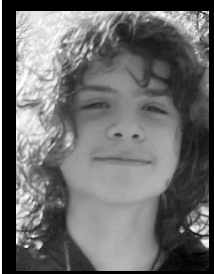
Lauren Hibbard (Cinderella) is in twelfth grade at McKinney High School. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. When not on stage, she likes to spend time with friends and family. She would like to thank them for their endless support and encouragement, and she would also like to thank Ms. Becca for this major opportunity.



Alexis Highsmith (Little Red) is thirteen and in the eighth grade at Warren Middle School in Forney. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her past roles include Mrs. Gloop *(Willy Wonka)*, and Sponge *(James and the Giant Peach Jr.)*. Little Red is a dream roll, and Alexis appreciates Ms. Becca for trusting her with such an amazing opportunity. She would like to thank her family, friends, and all the Outcry volunteers for their support, Brady for being a wonderful mentor, and Kate for being a fantastic double!



Kate Illian (Little Red) is an eleven-year-old fifth grader at Harrington Elementary. This is her eighth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite roles include Wednesday *(The Addams Family)*, Alice *(Alice in Wonderland)*, and Veruca *(Willy Wonka)*. She loves hip hop dance, singing, and any chance to be on stage. Kate wants to thank Ms. Cindy, Ms. Becca, and her Mom for all of their help in perfecting this character.



Holden James (Steward/Cinderella's Father) is extremely proud to be part of Outcry Youth Theatre, and this will be his twelfth performance with Outcry. One of his favorite roles was as Gomez Addams in *The Addams Family*, directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos. When he is not at rehearsal, Holden loves to play video games and spend time with his family. He would like to thank Ms. Becca for giving him the opportunity to perform as the Steward and Cinderella's Father in this production of *Into the Woods*.



Kensley James (Lucinda) is in the seventh grade and excited to join Outcry Youth Theatre's production of *Into the Woods*. Kensley is enjoying the fast-paced world of drama. This is her twelfth show at Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite performance was as the White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland*, directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos. When not at rehearsal, she loves to spend time with her friends and family. She would like to thank Ms. Becca for giving her the opportunity to perform as Lucinda.

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Willa Jones (Cinderella's Mother/Giant) is in seventh grade at Wilson Middle School. This is her sixth production with Outcry Youth. Favorite past roles include Escapologist *(Matilda Jr.)*, Caterpillar (Alice in Wonderland), Bard *(The Hobbit)*, Grasshopper *(James and the Giant Peach Jr.)*, and Opera Singer Ancestor *(The Addams Family)*. She loves being in Girl Scouts, crafting, singing and improv. Willa is thrilled to be in her first Ms. Becca show! She is grateful for this opportunity and is looking forward to the next one!



Madeline Knoff (The Witch) is a ninth grader excited to be in her 23rd show with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Evelyn *(Jekyll + Hyde)*, Morticia *(The Addams Family)*, Mrs. Sowerberry *(Oliver!)*, Helena *(A Midsummer Night's Dream)*, Leanne *(Puffs)*, Mad Hatter *(Alice in Wonderland)*, and Grand High Witch *(The Witches)*. Madeline is deeply grateful for her family's and friends' support and thanks her amazing director, Ms. Becca, and the entire cast and crew for this incredible journey.



Paige Kocsis (Cinderella's Mother/Giant) is 12 years old and in the sixth grade at St. Patrick School. This is her seventh show with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles have been Rebecca Gibbs *(Our Town)* and Snug *(A Midsummer Night's Dream)*. She wants to thank Ms. Becca for always pushing and encouraging her in every show, the cast for making rehearsals so much fun, her dad for driving her almost every night, and her mom for always being supportive.



Parker Lindsay (Narrator/Mysterious Man) is in the 10th grade at iUniversity Prep. This is his seventh production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Edward Hyde in *Jekyll + Hyde*, Artful Dodger in *Oliver!*, George in *Our Town*, and Oliver in *Puffs*. When not on stage, he enjoys figure skating as well as the study of Literature and Philosophy. He would like to thank Ms. Becca for the incredible opportunity and trust she has given him with this role.



Madeline McInnis (The Baker's Wife) is a sophomore at Clark High School. This is her ninth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Marilla *(Anne of Green Gables)* and Miss Honey *(Matilda Jr.)*. Maddie enjoys traveling, playing flute, and drawing. She thanks her parents, grandmother, and Ms. Becca for this wonderful opportunity.

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Alicia Pallares (Rapunzel) is thirteen years old and a seventh grader at Evans Middle School in McKinney. She is excited to be in her seventh major production with Outcry Youth Theatre and would love to thank Ms. Becca for this amazing opportunity! Her favorite shows include *The Addams Family* (Morticia), *Alice in Wonderland* (Queen of Hearts), and *Willy Wonka* (Ms. TeaVee). When not performing, Alicia is involved with choir, cheer, cross-country running, tennis and gymnastics.



Liam Paynter (The Baker) is a junior at Plano Senior High School. This is his 21st production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Nick Bottom *(A Midsummer Night's Dream)*, Stage Manager *(Our Town)*, and Dr. Henry Jekyll *(Jekyll + Hyde)*. Liam would like to thank all the cast and crew for their incredible hard work and dedication to this show process.



Allie Retta (Three Little Pigs) is in sixth grade at Carpenter Middle School. She is delighted to be in her tenth production with Outcry Youth Theatre! Some of her favorite roles have been Sara Gilles *(Anne of Green Gables)* and Tad *(Finding Nemo Jr.)*. When she isn't performing, she enjoys spending time with friends. Allie would like to thank Ms. Becca, Mr. J, all her friends from Outcry, and her family for their constant love and support.



Niam Sachdev (Jack) is eleven and attends Harrington Elementary. Niam is thrilled to climb the beanstalk as Jack in his tenth production with Outcry Youth! Favorite roles include Oliver *(Oliver!)*, Charlie *(Willy Wonka)*, and Nemo *(Finding Nemo Jr.)*, but he is best known for his chicken sounds in *Our Town*. He studies film acting with Performer's Edge Dallas, acts in short films and commercials, and is represented by the Horne Agency. Niam would like to thank Ms. Becca and everyone for their support.



Priya Sachdev (Florinda) is in seventh grade at Carpenter Middle. Priya is ecstatic to be a wicked stepsister in her ninth production with Outcry. Favorite past roles include Rebecca Gibbs *(Our Town)*, Peach *(Finding Nemo Jr.)*, Lavender *(Matilda Jr.)*, and Ladybug *(James and the Giant Peach Jr.)*. She performs with Tuzer Ballet's Junior Company, takes film acting classes with Performer's Edge Dallas, and is represented by the Horne Agency. She would like to thank Ms. Becca, Ms. Cindy, the volunteers, and her family.

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Karsten Schaffhauser (The Baker's Wife) is thrilled to be back on the Outcry stage and honored to take on such a role. Their favorite past roles include Jo March *(Little Women)*, Martha *(Spring Awakening)*, Abigail Williams *(The Crucible)*, and Margie Walsh *(Good People)*. They would like to thank their entire family for supporting them, especially their sister for her relentless encouragement and their mom for her endless compassion.



Olivia Stoner (Three Little Pigs) is in fifth grade at Centennial Elementary School. This is her seventh production with Outcry Youth Theatre. She is a proud member of the J-Squad. Her favorite past roles include Tweedledee *(Alice in Wonderland)* and Grandma *(The Addams Family)*. When not on stage, she enjoys basketball, making reels, and roller skating. She would like to thank Ms. Becca for the opportunity to be part of such a magical show.



Layla Tacazon (Cinderella) is 16 years old and a junior at Rockwall High School. Favorite past productions with Outcry Youth Theatre include Hermia *(A Midsummer Night's Dream)* and Emily Webb *(Our Town)*. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her and providing her with the amazing opportunities to pursue her goals. She hopes that you all enjoy the show!



Willow Wallace (Milky White) is UTTER-ly over the MOO-n to continue her acting career at Outcry - this marks her fourth Outcry Youth theatre production, recently starring as Pugsley *(The Addams Family)* and Winnie *(Winnie the Pooh)*! She is a member of ADEC and attends fifth grade at Heights Elementary. When not on stage, Willow loves to see shows - her dream is to be on Broadway! She would like to thank her acting coach/agent Lauren, her publicist James, her hair and makeup stylist Nicole + her family and friends!



Beatrix Wezwick (Lucinda) is in sixth grade at Richardson Heights Elementary. This is her 13th show with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Bilbo Baggins *(The Hobbit)*, Alice *(Alice in Wonderland)*, and Louise *(Sunday in the Park with George)*. She performs with Stomping Ground Comedy as an inaugural member of the Youth Improv House Team and is a Media Girl for the Northeast Texas Girl Scouts. Beatrix would like to thank her friends and family and beloved cat, Neptune, for the love and support.

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Achilles Witt (Granny) is in ninth grade at the Einstein School. This is their sixth performance with Outcry Youth Theatre and fourteenth theatre production. Some of their favorite roles include Celeste (Outcry's *Jekyll + Hyde*), Smaug *(The Hobbit)*, Lurch *(The Addams Family)*, and Miss Shields *(A Christmas Story)*. They have fallen in love with Outcry and are so thankful to get to be a part of such a high caliber theater. They want to thank Ms. Becca for the opportunity to be a part of this amazing Sondheim show.



Becca Johnson-Spinos (Director/Choreographer) is the Artistic Director of Outcry Theatre. Becca has a BFA in Music Theatre from Elon University and an MFA in Directing for Theatre from Baylor University. In North Carolina, Becca worked at Burning Coal Theatre Company as an assistant to the Artistic Director, an assistant director, and an actor. In the Dallas area, she has directed dozens of shows and was named one of the Best Directors for 2018 by John Garcia for Outcry Theatre's production of *Spring's Awakening*.



Cindy Johnston (Music Director) is an educator of 28 years, retiring from McKinney ISD after 23 years at 3 campuses. Under her direction, the Evans MS Varsity Treble Chorus was a 2009 honor choir at TMEA Convention. Along with performing in summer community theatre musicals, Cindy directed a myriad of shows at all 3 MISD campuses. She directed and produced 13 summer musicals with McKinney Repertory Theatre. *Into the Woods* is her 11th production with Ms. Becca, and 17th overall with Outcry Theatre.

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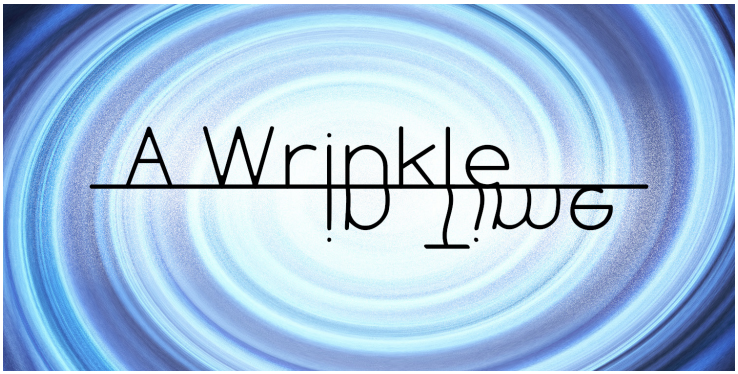


Conceived by **Becca and Jason Johnson-Spinos**
Devised by **the cast and creative team**

Performs **February 14-23, 2025**
in and around the Stone Cottage
at the Addison Theatre Centre
directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

In the style of productions like Sleep No More, *Outcry Theatre presents a new immersive theatrical experience,* A Memorial Service for Lily Evergreen. *You are invited to attend the celebration of life for a young woman who died under very mysterious circumstances. At the service, you will meet the honored guests: Lily's family, friends, lovers, and more, all of whom have their own complicated relationships with Lily. The honored guests will wander both inside and outside the Stone Cottage, where the memorial is being held, and if you follow them around, you may discover more about their connection to Lily. The more you learn, the more you will wonder if the killer is in attendance. At the same time, these events are highly spiritual, and there's always a chance that the dead will be watching.*

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Outcry Reads is a yearly series of readings of new plays by DFW playwrights. Local actors are cast, and an Outcry staff member directs the readings. Readings take place at the Outcry Theatre Rehearsal Location in Plano. Readings are free to attend, with limited seating for up to 20 audience members. A talkback follows the readings, moderated by the director, where the audience members and actors can discuss the play with the playwright.

2025 Outcry Reads Festival
May 16-18, 2025

Submission Guidelines

- All submitting playwrights must live in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and be able to attend the reading and the rehearsal.
- Playwrights will need to provide a list of what they would like to learn from the talkback, including specific questions they would like answered.
- Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis.
- Playwrights may only submit one play per season.
- Only non-musicals will be considered.
- Plays must be between 45 and 135 minutes.

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ABOUT OUTCRY THEATRE

Outcry Theatre utilizes bold artistic vision, highly physical staging, and an energetic and visceral performance style. With rigorous rehearsals, tenacious attention to detail, and unwavering dedication to excellence, Outcry Theatre focuses on developing stellar performances and exceptional storytelling.

Outcry Theatre serves the Plano community and surrounding DFW area through professional productions, readings of new works by local playwrights, and the Outcry Youth Theatre program, educating students ages 5-18.

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